



Know the Law Before You Burn

Before you decide to burn leaves this fall, be aware of the regulations governing open burning. Remember that certain types of open burning are unlawful, including the burning of garbage, rubber tires, household refuse, petroleum-based materials, plastics, wiring insulation, demolition materials, or any toxic or hazardous materials. A permit must be obtained from the Fire Marshal's Office for certain types of burning such as bonfires or for land clearing purposes.



Open Burning Regulations

The open burning of leaves, sticks, yard, and garden trimmings is allowed without a permit provided the following guidelines are complied with:

- The burn site is located where the property owner has given permission for this burning.
- The accumulation of leaves and trimmings must be in a pile that does not exceed eight (8) feet in diameter.
- The pile to be burned must be free of any stumps, large limbs, and any of the prohibited materials.
- The location of the burning must be at least forty (40) feet from any building or structure and at least ten (10) feet from the adjoining property line and from public right-of-way. The distance to the property line does not apply when the adjoining property owner(s) has given prior written permission for such burning.
- At least one person, sixteen (16) years of age or older, shall supervise and be in close proximity of the burning at all times.
- A one-half inch diameter or larger water hose with a nozzle shall be connected to a fully charged (i.e., open), operational spigot and shall be in close proximity to the burning.
- All burning must take place between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- Burning must not be conducted when the wind velocity exceeds ten (10) miles per hour or the Fire Marshal has issued a ban on burning because of very dry conditions or poor air quality.
- The smoke from the burning shall not cause a traffic hazard or health problem for any other person.

Citizens are advised to call the Lynchburg Fire Marshal's Office at 847-1348 if they have any questions concerning open burning or related fire safety matters.

Halloween Safety Tips

Halloween is right around the corner, but don't let the excitement of the night cause you and your children to forget to be careful. There is no real "trick" to making Halloween a real treat for the entire family. The major dangers are not from witches or spirits but rather from falls and pedestrian/car crashes. Both children and adults need to think about safety on this annual day of make-believe. Many parents opt to have parties at home and some churches and malls offer Halloween festivities. If you decide to allow your child to go door to door, the Lynchburg Police Department offers the following safety tips:



Motorists

The National Safety Council urges motorists to be especially alert on Halloween:

- Watch for children darting out from between parked cars.
- Watch for children walking on roadways, medians, and curbs.
- Enter and exit driveways and alleys carefully.
- At twilight and later in the evening, watch for children in dark clothing.

Parents

Before children start out on their "trick or treat" rounds, parents should:

- Make sure that an adult or an older, responsible youth will be supervising the outing.
- Plan and discuss the route trick-or-treaters intend to follow. Know the names of older children's companions.
- Instruct your children to travel only in familiar areas and along an established route.
- Teach your children to stop only at houses or apartment buildings that are well lit and to never enter a stranger's home.
- Establish a return time.
- Tell your youngsters not to eat any treat until they return home.
- Review all appropriate trick-or-treat safety precautions, including pedestrian/traffic safety rules.

Costume Design

- Only fire-retardant materials should be used for costumes.
- Costumes should be loose so warm clothing can be worn underneath.
- Costumes should not be so long that they are a tripping hazard. (Falls are the leading cause of unintentional injuries on Halloween.)
- If children are allowed out after dark, outfits should be made with light colored materials. Strips of reflective tape should be used to make children visible.

Face Design

- Masks can obstruct a child's vision. Use facial make-up instead.
- When buying special Halloween makeup, check for packages containing ingredients that are labeled "Made with U.S. Approved Color Additives," "Laboratory Tested," "Meets Federal Standards for Cosmetics," or "Non-Toxic." Follow manufacturer's instructions for application.
- If masks are worn, they should have nose and mouth openings and large eyeholes.

Accessories

- Knives, swords, and other accessories should be made from cardboard or flexible materials.
- Do not allow children to carry sharp objects.
- Bags or sacks carried by youngsters should be light-colored or trimmed with reflective tape if children are allowed out after dark.
- Carrying flashlights will help children see better and be seen more clearly.

While on the Way

Children should understand and follow these rules:

- Do not enter homes or apartments without adult supervision.
- Walk—do not run from house to house. Do not cross yards and lawns where unseen objects or the uneven terrain can present tripping hazards.
- Walk on sidewalks, not in the street.
- Walk on the left side of the road, facing traffic if there are no sidewalks.

Treats

To ensure a safe trick-or-treat outing, parents are urged to:

- Give children an early meal before going out.
- Insist that treats be brought home for inspection before anything is eaten.
- Wash fruit and slice into small pieces.
- When in doubt, throw it out.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION DAY!

For All
Lynchburg
Residents



Saturday, October 11
9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Waste Management Facility (Landfill)
on Concord Turnpike

PLEASE NOTE: You must bring photo identification! Bring household hazardous items in non-returnable containers! Remember, this collection does not count as your one free trip per month to the landfill.

What is a Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Day?

A household hazardous waste collection day is an opportunity for citizens to properly dispose of material which should not be put in landfills (due to their toxicity or potential for pollution of ground water).

What CAN you bring to the collection site?

Acids/Bases
Aerosols
Antifreeze
Auto starter
Brake Fluids
Batteries
Cleaners
Corrosives
Drain Openers
Flammables
Furniture Stripper
Herbicides
Kerosene
Lighter Fluids
Oven Cleaners
Oxidizers
Oil Base Paint
Pesticides
Photo Chemicals
Polishes
Pool Chemicals
Poisons
Solvents
Thinners
Used Motor Oil
Weed Killers
Wood Preservatives

What NOT to bring to the collection site!

Agent Orange
Ammunition
Dioxin
Explosives
Garbage
Gas Cylinders
Kepone
Latex Paint
Liquified Asbestos
Medical Waste
Oil Tanks
Pathological Waste
55 Gallon Drums of
Anything!
PCBs
PROWL
Prozine
Radioactives
(i.e., smoke detectors)
Recyclables
Silvex
Stomp
TCDD

Seasonal Sewer Cap Ends



Each year, during the usage months of April - September, the City of Lynchburg applies a seasonal sewer cap to the sewer portion of your water utility bill. This sewer cap can, but not always, lower your sewer bill during those months.

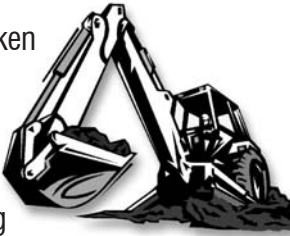
Lynchburg water utility customers should be aware that the seasonal sewer cap is ending according to the schedule listed below.

- If your October bill date is October 15, the Seasonal Sewer Cap usage period ended on the date your meter was read for this billing period. (Between 9/16-9/30)
- If your October bill date is October 29, the Seasonal Sewer Cap usage period ended on the date your meter was read for this billing period. (Between 10/1-10/15)

Please check your water utility bill for the bill date. If you have any questions regarding the ending of the seasonal sewer cap, contact Utility Billing in Billings and Collections at 847-1320.

Downtown Lynchburg... Under Construction... Open for Business!

If you've ever undertaken a remodeling job you know what a mess it can be. Thankfully, when it's all over you end up with something much better than when you started—a little like the extensive renovations now going on in downtown Lynchburg.



Here's just a few of the projects happening downtown:

- The intersection of Ninth and Main Streets is closed to traffic for approximately 49 days and is scheduled to reopen by November 3. The Mid-town parking deck is open and two-way traffic allows vehicles to both enter and exit the parking deck from Main Street. Two-way traffic is also allowed on the other side of the intersection in order to access the Wachovia Bank parking lot.
- Ninth Street, between Jefferson and Commerce Streets, is sporting a new look. Stone and brick sidewalks frame the street and the street parking lanes are bricked. New black iron light posts, trash containers, and fencing have been installed, as well as granite seating areas. Landscaping improvements include new shrubbery and trees.
- Work is continuing on Monument Terrace. Lynch's Landing recently presented the City with a check for \$32,597, raised from the Friday Cheers 2003 summer season. With its previous gift of \$10,000, Lynch's Landing has raised \$42,597. The City of Lynchburg has committed \$1.9 million towards this restoration project.
- Riverviews Artspace is open for occupancy. Several residents have now moved into the loft apartments.
- Minor stabilization work is underway for the Court House Museum Rehabilitation.
- Construction is beginning on the Federal Courthouse. The section of Eleventh Street between Clay and Commerce Streets will be closed for the duration of construction.
- The interior demolition of Bluff Walk is ongoing.
- The work on the Riverfront Festival Park is officially complete with grass sod planted, trees installed, and parking lot and sidewalks installed.
- The 100-foot Point of Honor Bridge will connect the Blackwater Creek Trail and the Cabell Street cul-de-sac. Currently the project is in the VDOT review/authorization process. A construction bid will go out in December and the bid is expected to be awarded in January 2004.
- The brick sidewalk on Main Street between Twelfth and Thirteenth Streets is complete.
- The "Shout About Downtown" event is being sponsored by The News & Advance, Lynch's Landing, and the City of Lynchburg. This evening event is scheduled for April 2004 to "shout" about the progress and completion of downtown construction improvements.

While all this renovation and construction is taking place, don't forget that the downtown merchants and restaurants are open and welcome your business. When you want to shop, dine, or have fun—*remember Downtown Lynchburg is still the place to be!*

Leaf Collection Schedule

- **Bagged Leaf Collection Began October 6**
- **Loose Leaf Collection Begins October 27**
- **All Leaf Collections End December 19**

Bagged Leaf Collection: Once you have bagged your leaves, call the Streets Division (847-1626) or 856-CITY (2489) to schedule a pickup; then place the bagged leaves on the curb. This is a free service. Note: As a cost-saving measure, replacement bags are no longer available.

Loose Leaf Collection: No phone call is necessary for loose leaf collection. Please rake leaf piles curbside being careful not to pile them in the street. Leaf piles should be free of sticks and rocks. Leaf collection crews will vacuum leaves as promptly as possible. Bagged leaves may be placed curbside with your trash on your regular collection day anytime during the year; however, each bag must be tagged with a .95 cent Trash Tag.